

**REGULAR MEETING
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 2007 – 3:00 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: CHAIRPERSON Karen Washinawatok called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Delabreau, Eugene Caldwell, Harold Wilkes, Jamie Perez and Kathy Kaquatosh. MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Maine.

2. Moment of Silence.

3. Approval of Minutes dated March 21, 2007 and March 29, 2007.

MOTION MADE BY EUGENE CALDWELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2007 AND THE MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2007. SECOND WAS BY JOAN DELABREAU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. MOTION CARRIED: 6 FOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS AND 1 ABSENT (MAINE).

4. Menominee Tribal Police: Request for financial assistance.

Mark Waukau along with Ami Nacotee informed the Committee that they would like to purchase a seized vehicle. The Tribal Police Department actually did the traffic stop which resulted in the seizure of this vehicle. Two of the questions were is there some legal means and are their funds available in the police department. This case went federal and the forfeiture went thru the federal system not the tribal system. The grants that the police have received barely cover the costs of the programs.

One of the questions was if the police department charged the federal agency storage for this vehicle. Another idea was to purchase the vehicle from the government, then resell the vehicle and allow the profits to stay within the drug program. The deadline for a response if November 15, 2007.

Jeremy Weso will work with the Police Department to acquire funding to obtain this vehicle.

MOTION MADE BY EUGENE CALDWELL TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND BRING BACK A PROGRESS REPORT. SECOND WAS BY HAROLD WILKES. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. MOTION CARRIED: 6 FOR, 0 OPPOSED, 0 ABSTENTIONS AND 1 ABSENT (MAINE).

5. Other Business.

Jeremy Weso brought back some information on the IDC budget. Eliminate internal auditor, a corrected insurance budget, an eliminated property management position and acceptance of the recommendation from the MIS Director to capitalize the equipment needed for an update. With this new information it lowered the IDC rate to 13.96.

Eugene Caldwell informed the Committee that a tribal member would like to go to lumber grading school. The tuition is paid for but not room and board for 14 weeks. TANF, Adult Vocational and the Community Funding Panel are some possibilities for funding for this tribal member.

Finance is slowly catching up and the February monthly reports were handed out to the Director's.

At the next meeting, the Committee will review the 2008 budget schedule for dates and times.

6. Adjournment.

**MOTION MADE BY JOAN DELABREAU/EUGENE CALDWELL TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder
Legislative Staff